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Remarks

The Objection to the Drawings

The Examiner objected to the drawings because D2 in Figure 1 is described in the

specification as a Zener diode but presently illustrated as a conventional diode. A replacement

drawing sheet which includes the necessary correction is enclosed. Withdrawal of this objection

is respectfully requested.

The Rejection of Claims 1-3 Under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by

United States Patent No. 6,150,853 (Chrappan et al.) and United States Patent No. 5,378,938

(Birdsall et al.). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection and request reconsideration in

view of newly amended Claims 1-3.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is now in condition for allowance,

which action is courteously requested.

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